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### Dairy Barn Notes

At the present time twelve of our cows are on test with the American Guernsey Cattle Club. An official tester comes once each month to supervise several milkings and test for butterfat and production. Besides this, all of our cows are tested monthly so we know just how each animal is producing.

The highest producer for the month of August was Thompson's Island Flora, whose milk weight for the month was 1,000.5 pounds. She is cared for and milked by Richard Gavin.

There has been a new bull added to the herd. He is nine months old. His name is Groton House Sovereign's Lott, and we call him Sovereign for short. His sire is Levity's Sterlinggold Sovereign and his dam is Groton House Lottie. We are very proud of our new bull and now he is going through a series of lessons learning to lead and stand.

We have four new milkers, John R. Mason, Walter E. Callaway, Donald Searles, and Nathaniel Eaton. The older two milkers are on test milking and are Walter Noland and Richard Gavin.

Each boy cares for his cows under the direction of Mr. Rimbach, our herdsman. Each cow is brushed and curried twice a day and the horns are polished weekly. The hoofs are also trimmed and oiled. All tails are braided and combed twice weekly.

Each boy takes his turn at feeding which gives him experience in this line. Each cow's grain is scientifically measured and planned according to weight and milk production. We are feeding all of our cattle on wet feed and find this procedure very satisfactory. With the calves the wet feed plan is being very carefully studied.

We are very proud of our barn. It is thoroughly washed with hot water every day and clean bedding is used daily. We milkers believe that the cattle barn is the showplace of the school and are always glad to show our herd and barn to visitors.

Richard A. Gavin

### Jimmy the Crow

One of our most interesting pets is Jimmy. He was first introduced to the campus by one of the boys who discovered him in a nest. Jimmy was small then and didn't mind being petted. He stayed with the boys nearly all the time. Once he hurt his leg and still limps a little.

Jimmy has some habits which all of us know. For instance, if he is wanted the best way is to show a shiny object. He will fly from the trees or buildings, alight on your shoulder, and inspect the object. Else a piece of toast will bring him flying. If the toast is too dry he will carry it to a drinking fountain and wait for the boys to soak it for him.

The instructors who go to the kitchen and dining room early in the morning have got over being frightened by Jimmy for each morning he flies silently and then suddenly perches on one's shoulder. He is expected to do this but the first few times are startling.

Jimmy likes to play sick in case he doesn't want to be bothered. He lies on the ground and makes queer sounds with his throat. But I think he is disappointed if he doesn't get at least one pat on the head.

I hope Jimmy stays with us for a long time because he is a very amusing and interesting pet.

John P. Richardson

### Boston Baseball

The great American game of baseball is in the closing week of the 1948 season. Congratulations to the Boston Braves for winning the National League championship for the first time in 34 years. Much of the credit for the victory of the Braves goes to John Sain who pitched great ball and already has won 22 games. It is also true that one of the best rookies in years, Alvin Dark, filled a big gap at shortstop and became one of the stars of the league. Tommy Holmes, Bob Elliot, and Jeff Heath played a big part in the team's success. I think too that Billy Southworth is the game's greatest manager for he did a big job in bringing the Braves the pennant.

Then the American League team, the Red Sox, is battling to the end to win the pennant in that league. It is a team of great stars and the stands are packed every time the team plays. Ted Williams, Dom DiMaggio, John Pesky, Vern Stephens, Bob Doerr, Bill Goodman and George Tebbets are some of the great

players fighting to win the pennant for Boston.

Some of the boys favor one team or the other, but I think we should appreciate the good work every team does. As the radio announcer Jim Britt says, "If you can't take part in a sport be one anyway."

Ernest L. Parsons

### Dictionary Fun

Did you ever realize how much fun one can have with a dictionary? It isn't just a book with correct spelling of words. And if two dictionaries are side by side it is interesting to see how the definitions of words are expressed. My dictionary says that "write" means to "compose". What does your dictionary say for this word?

Synonyms are exciting because the words are pronounced exactly alike but have entirely different meanings. Take the words right and write. It must be hard for people from foreign lands to learn the language.

In the back of most dictionaries there are lists of foreign expressions, principal cities of the world, and even maps. Often there are many other interesting things. When you have a few hours look through your dictionary and see how interesting it really is and then you will realize that there is a lot of fun just reading a dictionary.

Wayne W. Henry

### Being a Cowboy

Every morning I take the cows to the pasture and keep them within the pasture bounds. There is a large cornfield near the pasture and the cows always want to get into this cornfield. I take the cows to the pasture at eight o'clock and some might think that watching them for the morning is an easy job. But it isn't because



when I'm getting one cow where she belongs others run off and I have to get them. The job isn't as easy as it sounds although I like to do it.

Samuel W. Wood

### Dairy Room Notes

The first step in pasteurizing milk is to heat it. The milk is heated to a temperature of 143°. It is held at this temperature for one half hour. The reason for heating the milk is to destroy any harmful bacteria. After one-half hour the milk temperature is brought down to 90°. Some milk is separated for our cream supply and at this point the milk that is to be separated is taken from the pasteurizer. This temperature is right for the separator, for if the milk is too hot or too cold the machine operates less efficiently. The next step is to lower the temperature of the milk remaining in the pasteurizer to 40°. When it reaches this point it is ready to be taken to our kitchen. I have been operating the equipment in our dairy building for nine months now and I find it very interesting work.

Wayne D. Suitor

### Early Football Practice

The teams in the Crosby Football League are just getting started practicing. I am center on the Army team and I think we have a good chance to have the best record of the four teams. I hope our team wins the Crosby Silver Shield and we are all going to fight hard for it. The players in our backfield are Harold Darr, William Kellaway, Ralph Hopkins and our captain, Chester Magee. Our schedule begins late in September and finishes in the middle of November.

John R. Mason

### Fishing

There weren't many boys who failed to go fishing this summer. On some days we did well catching mackerel, silver hake, tommy cod and even crabs. On other days there wouldn't even be a bite. For bait we used minnows and crabmeat. Some of the boys have good fishing pole outfits but most of us have what is known as droplines. One of the boys caught over 200 tommy cods which was the record for the summer. Fishing is one of the most popular summertime activities.

Richard J. Hebert

### Milking

I am learning how to milk along with three other boys. Three times each day I report to the herdsman. I like the work because I want to learn everything I can about farming and especially dairying. Our cows are all registered Guernseys and we have altogether fifty head. Our herdsman teaches us step by step and after awhile we'll know very much about dairy cattle.

Nathaniel W. Eaton

### A Joke on Me

One day I was helping out around the farm and when it came time to bring the cows in from the pasture I joined the other boys to do this. Then I was told that one of the cows, Mercy, lost her upper teeth. Not knowing much about cows I started to look for them. When I was asked what I was doing I explained and then I was told that cows don't have upper teeth. A good joke on me!

Joseph B. Mason

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Education is a subject which everyone can discuss with a certain amount of assurance because all of us have been in school. Everybody has certain convictions about the program of education which should be followed.

Probably the greatest controversy is between the vocational and non-vocational programs. There is also a difference of opinion as to the extent of formal education, that is, school and college, which a person should strive to attain. On this point we hear men complain that too many boys and girls go to college but we have never yet heard anyone say his or her own education had been extended too far, nor that his son or daughter advanced too far in the educational field.

The educational program of every boy and girl, and every man and woman, should extend as far and as completely as the ability and resources of the individual will permit. This does not mean that one should continue to devote the major part of a life-time studying college courses. There is after all, a useful purpose for every life and everyone should devote one's self to useful pursuits.

The school which makes life experience and useful knowledge most complete is the most nearly the real school. Christian character, ability to live happily with others, a degree of mastery of the fundamentals of some branches of knowledge and vocational development are essential. No less important are the elements of enjoyment such as music, art, and manual skills. Of course, the qualities of character, honesty, reliability and deep attitude of service to mankind are "musts."



### Topics in Brief

With the coming of the fall season the attention of the boys has turned to football. The intra-mural league has already got underway on its schedule and each of the four teams will play six games to determine the champion. This leading eleven will be awarded a silver shield by Mr. S. V. R. Crosby, a member of the Board of Trustees. The outstanding player in each position will be given a minor athletic letter, also through the courtesy of Mr. Crosby. The team captains are Edwin W. Gray, Edward J. Collins, Jr., Chester W. Magee and Robert W. Closson. We look for another good season in the sport.

The varsity plays seven games this year, five at the school and two away. The boys will give a good account of themselves and we hope our friends will plan to see the team in action. Proper equipment is essential to the well-being of every participant and considerable expense has been entailed in outfitting the team. A well drilled eleven, coached by Raymond Thomas, '26, is arousing more and more interest among schoolboy sport followers and we are happy to say that our football program for the varsity is receiving gratifying support from our friends, and particularly the Alumni.

Last Spring we purchased what is regarded by experts as the most effective means for combating destructive and dangerous pests. This equipment, the Aero Mist sprayer, has been very successful. Gypsy moths, Japanese beetles, flies, mosquitoes and other pests common to our locality have been brought under control.

The paint shop crews have been doing some exterior painting on both Bowditch House and the Main Building. Scarcely

a day passes without additional painting brightening up the appearance of these buildings.

Television has arrived at the School and two of the instructors have receiving sets. To the uninitiated the viewing of a television show is an amazing and fascinating experience. Most of the boys have enjoyed seeing the programs. Two stations in Boston broadcast television and a third is almost ready to begin.

The Band, under the capable direction of Captain Frank L. Warren, has begun its regular weekly rehearsals. Graduation took from its ranks many outstanding players and much hard work will be required to build our unit to its customary excellent standard. Music, though, interests nearly all of our boys and the steady, even though slow, progress made from week to week is evident and satisfying. Already our group has made two public appearances and in each instance performed creditably. After a winter of practice and drill our group will once again attain its year after year standard of excellence.

We are continually striving to improve our athletic field and this month an area on the west side, which includes a part of left field on the baseball diamond has been resurfaced and seeded. The width of the cinder track is being increased so as to permit more ideal conditions for our track meets. We have in mind many improvements for the athletic field and they will be made as time permits.

Our vegetable garden has yielded its customary excellent crop and our table is heavily laden with choice fresh vegetables. Tomatoes, cucumbers, sweet corn and squash have been especially plentiful, thanks to the efforts of our farm crews.

## Calendar 90 Years Ago, August 1858

Aa kept by the Superintendent

13. The sloop River Queen at the wharf with 34 tons of coal and 11 cords of wood on board.

16. Morning cloudy. Sent men to get oxen and horses shod. All wrought on hay in P.M. Self varnished entry carpet.

19. The sloop River Queen came with the remainder of our coal and wood.

20. Self went to the city to Eastern Depot to meet Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Fuller who came home with me.

22. Dea. Grant and Mr. Brown, a former pupil here and now an agent for a very responsible English Book company visited us to-day.

24. A lovely day, and visiting day for the boys' friends and others. A large number present. Of the Managers Dea. Grant, Messrs. Kuhn, Storer, and Bacon remained to dinner. Hon. Robert Morrison, Mayor of Portsmouth, and former Supt. of this institution was also present. Mrs. M. and daughter left on the boat.

27. Mrs. Morse's birthday. Boys had a half holiday, a part of which was spent in the grove at which place they had a picnic. Henry F. Brown, a former pupil here, but now a member of Exeter Academy, came to see us.

### The Paint Shop

Among the many departments where the boys get practical training is the paint shop. The work here includes many types of jobs. In the warm weather we usually paint the exteriors of the buildings and in the winter we work indoors. We make minor repairs, do glazing, fix screens, mix putty and paints and other jobs that a painter is expected to do. Lately we have been working on the Main Building, painting the four pillars at the front entrance and the cupolas on the roof. Our

last completed job was the painting of the window casings in Bowditch House. I am sure that all the paint shop boys think that it is a good job.

Walter C. Roberts

### The Two Dukes

Duke, a large yellow cat, was everyone's pet. One day he was playing in the hayfield and got injured by the mowing machine. He was taken to the Angell Memorial Hospital but the veterinarians said that he would forever be crippled. We were very sad for Duke was left at the hospital.

To take his place we have a little kitten which looks like Duke and we hope he grows up to as good a cat as Duke was. We call him Duke the Second but after he gets bigger we'll call him Duke. He is a very playful kitten and a good pet. His favorite sport is chasing Jimmy the crow.

Richard S. Larsen

### Swimming

Of all the sports we have in the summer I think that we agree that swimming is the most enjoyed. When summer began we had swimming classes so that those who didn't know how to swim learned and those who knew how took lessons to improve their skill. We have a fine swimming float and a new diving board and practically every day there were at least two or three swimming periods. Besides just swimming I like to go under water, dive, play tag and do other water stunts. One of the boys has a pair of "fins" which are worn like shoes and they give much speed to a good swimmer. We have much fun in the water.

Jeremy A. Hixon

### Sports and Recreations

Now that the summer months have passed we can all realize that we had a



good time with the many sports and recreations which it was our good fortune to enjoy.

Our baseball diamond was busy most of the time and the older boys especially enjoyed this game. We played three different series of games, one of them being for the Crosby silver shield and trophies. Oftentimes some of the instructors joined in the sport. The companion sport, softball, was also played a great deal and those playing this game were mostly younger boys.

Our tennis court was a busy place and there were four tournaments held. Some of the boys are really good players and many who were just beginners early in the season developed much skill. A few of the boys like tennis better than any other sport and it is a good game to watch.

Swimming, I think, gets the highest rating in popularity. We had a new deck put on our swimming float and a new regulation diving board installed. Mr. Thomas, a Red Cross instructor, gave instruction in Life Saving and Water Safety and Swimming. Most of the boys received Red Cross certificates for the advancement they made in the courses followed.

Fishing was a good recreation for the summer months and there were always many boys on the wharf trying their luck. One of the instructors gave out 100 fitted fish lines so everyone had the necessary equipment. Luck was with some of the fishermen and some boys made records in number of fish caught.

Other summertime recreations included horseshoe pitching and several tournaments were held. Treasure and scavenger hunts were held in which all of the boys took part.

Music, flower gardening, sloyd work, reading, radio and other individual recreations helped make our summer very enjoyable.

Robert E. Lucien

### Additional Alumni Notes

GEORGE H. BRUCE, '45, is beginning his sophomore year at the University of New Hampshire in Durham. He is enjoying college work to the utmost. His home is at Hollis, N. H.

ERNEST N. JORGENSEN, '08, a frequent visitor at Alumni Field Days, has changed his address. He now lives at 164 Wilson Road, Nahant, Mass. We appreciate Mr. Jorgensen's notification of this address change and suggest that all of our members keep their correct addresses with the secretary so that mail may not go astray.

JOHN BELHAM, '28, whom we see occasionally at our Alumni Meetings has a new mailing address, Ashton, R. I.

CECIL A. MORSE, '28, sends word that his town has been incorporated into a larger center now and his correct address is 411 E. DeFee Ave., Baytown, Texas. Every so often he gets thinking of his schooldays at Thompson's Island and hopes that someday he and his family may visit the School.

We occasionally hear from our good friend WILL FRANK DAVIS, '79, who is located at 16 Clubway, Hartsdale, N. Y. Although nearly seventy years have passed since Mr. Davis left our School, he has always kept in touch with the work of F. T.S. and his interest has grown with the years. It would be a good suggestion for those who can, to visit Mr. Davis. Your secretary suggests that a letter from his Thompson's Island associates would be much appreciated by him, especially if written by one of the older graduates.

ROBERT E. DUDLEY '16, a recent visitor, is working as an automobile salesman. He is planning to purchase a home in Belmont.

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HAROLD K. MALMGREN, '39, one of our many good friends in the West, has for his home address 407 Eastside, Santa Ana, California. He is a jeweler and watchmaker. Our readers will recall that he was married recently. Although engrossed by married life and his business, he still finds time to keep his contacts with F.T.S. and is ever eager to receive news from the "old school".

We have learned of the death of H. CHAMPNEY HUGHES of the Class of '97, on March 22, 1948. For many years he held a prominent position as woodcarver and modeler with the firm of Irving & Casson.

JOHN L. SHERMAN, '14, sends his best wishes for a good season for the football team. He adds that he doesn't have opportunity to see the games but looks for the score each week in the Sunday papers. His home address is 139 Summer Street, Watertown, Mass.

WILLIS M. SMITH, '22, has for some years been employed in the insurance business. He began this work in a Boston office and shortly afterwards was transferred to the main office in Hartford, Conn. He lives at 794 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, Conn. We heard from him very recently and hope that he may be able to visit us in the not too distant future.

WILLIAM A. SARGENT, '97, of 32 Temple Street, Boston, informs us of the death of his two brothers. James H. Sargent, '97, died in Canada on August 14, 1947 while John M. Sargent, '97, passed away in Boston on July 30, 1947.

LIEUT. LEANDER E. DOREY, '23 has maintained a deep interest in our School and Alumni Association since his graduation. He has seldom been near enough to pay us a personal visit, but we hear from him often. For more than two score years he has been a member of the U. S. M. C. and has served much of this time in foreign fields. His Marine service has been rewarded by special assignments where his work was of utmost importance. His address, which is new, is Box 58, Brunswick, Tennessee. We know that Lieut. Dorey would be most happy to have any F. T. S. people call on him should they be in his vicinity.

SGT. ERNEST S. ARMSTRONG '32, for some time had for his address the Pentagon Building in Washington, D. C. We note that now he is at 42 Woodville Street, Roxbury 19, Mass., and is still in the armed forces as a technical sergeant.

EDWARD CAPAUL, '05, proprietor of the Swiss Family Laundry at 4 Glenwood Place, Roxbury, is keenly interested in every activity at his alma mater and is always ready to extend a helping hand in any and all of the work of the School and Alumni Association.

1ST LT. HUDSON D. BRENNER, '37, is stationed in Japan as a member of the Osaka Military Government. Since leaving the school most of his time has been spent in the armed forces and occasionally we hear from either him or his mother and thus keep posted on his activities. His mailing address is Osaka Military Government, A. P. O. 25, care of Postmaster, San Francisco, California.